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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application <u>09/776 503</u>	Applicant(s) <u>Blackson</u>	
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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/24/03
- ☒ This action is **FINAL**. ☐ This action is non-final.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-86 is/are pending in this application.
- Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-86 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved or ☐ disapproved by the Examiner. If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are ☐ accepted or ☐ objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or (f).
- ☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*Certified copies not received:
- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

### Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. This action is issued in response to applicant's Amendment A filed 6/24/03.
2. Claims 1,2,7 were amended. New claims 83-86 were added. None were deleted.
3. Claims 1-86 are pending.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-82 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over De Leo(US Pat. No: 6,381,626) in view of Montiero(US Pat. No: 5,778,187).
6. As per claims 1-86 De Leo teaches ATM video advertising(Abstract)(Figs 1-4) which includes digital files which also includes cash dispensing with I/O inputs and a central computer processor(col 1 line 26-col 2 line 45). DeLeo also teaches use of audio/visual files from a data storage device(col 3 lines 17-56)(Fig 2) in ATM machines. persuasive.De Leo teaches dispensing currency responsive to a first user input(Fig 3/70)(Fig 4) as well as dispensing a digital information file responsive to another(second) user input(Fig 3/76)(Fig 4)(col 2 line 66-col 4 line 8).DeLeo also teaches multiple transaction terminals(col 3 lines 1-4), for multiple users including

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first and second users to a host computer. DeLeo teaches both currency dispensing and digital information file dispensing (Fig 3)(Fig 4)(col 6 line 66-col 7 line 65). DeLeo further is not limited to the same user, because digital file outputs and currency transactions are not necessarily coupled (col 6 lines 3-6). Monteiro teaches a high quality audio delivery system over a computer network (Abstract)(Figs 1-19). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine De Leo in view of Monteiro and to apply the use of audio digital files in the conduct of ATM operations and employ them specifically to the subset of music audio files. The motivation to combine is to teach an ATM machine which can dispense cash as enunciated by Monteiro (col 2 lines 1-24) and which presents an audio output to the customer.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claims 1-82 are further rejected under 35 USC 112(2nd) for failing to specifically claim what applicant regards is the invention. The independent claims are too broad and must be narrowed in order to precisely define the novel features in the disclosure with respect to the prior art.

***Response to Arguments***

9. Applicant's arguments filed 6/24/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. De Leo teaches dispensing currency responsive to a first user input (Fig 3/70)(Fig 4) as well as dispensing a digital information file responsive to another (second) user input (Fig

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***Conclusion***

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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11. Any questions concerning this communication should be addressed to the primary examiner of record, Dr. Geoffrey Akers, P.E., who can be reached between 6:30 AM and 5:00

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PM Monday through Friday at 703-306-5844. If attempts to contact the primary examiner are unsuccessful, the primary examiner's superior, Mr. Vincent Millin, SPE, may be telephoned at (703)-308-1065.

The fax number for Formal or Official faxes and Draft or Informal faxes to Technology Center 3600 or this Art Unit is (703)-308-3687. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-308-1113.

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July 15, 2003

DR. GEOFFREY R. AKERS, P.E.  
PRIMARY EXAMINER